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Technical Cooperation

As part of INTAL's 2004 Work Program, the Institute for the Integration of Latin America & the Caribbean (INTAL) set about the task of following up projects still ongoing or initiated during 2004. These are part of the sum total of projects initiated since July 1996, including those funded with resources from the INTAL Contribution Fund. This also lent continuity to the implementation of the Associated Technical Cooperations that the Fund had been developing as part of its activities program.

The objectives and activities promoted through ongoing regional technical cooperation operations and associated technical cooperations, including projects ending in 2004, are outlined below.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 552/04): 'INTAL's Management in the Administration of the General Fund of Projects Funded by Member Country Contributions'. **Objectives:** The project aims to fund the external audit services of the General Project Fund funded with Member Country Contributions. **Activities:** Activities involve producing an audit examination and the subsequent publication of a report on the administration of these resources.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 551/04): 'Latin America/Asia-Pacific Relations'. **Objectives:** The project's main objective is to support relations and foster cooperation between Latin America and Asia, while sponsoring the development of research and dissemination activities around interregional relations, and thus contribute to public and private strategy and policy-making and implementation in this area. **Activities:** The project has three components: 1) Follow-up and monitoring of the activities of Forum Latin America East Asia Cooperation (FEALAC), the Latin America/Caribbean & Asia/Pacific Economics & Business Association (LAEBA), and cooperation with the Latin American and the Caribbean Studies Network on Asia-Pacific (REDEALAP); 2) Consolidation of REDEALAP in support of the management of FEALAC and LAEBA; and 3) Research into the internationalization process of the Chinese Economic Groups (*Jituangongsi*) to define strategies for MERCOSUR and Andean Countries member countries. These activities are being performed by contracting consulting services.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 550/04): 'Landmarks in Latin American Integration'. **Objectives:** The project aims to support the development of research and dissemination activities into the historical process of Latin American integration as being of technical value in meeting the process's current challenges at bilateral, subregional, regional, hemispheric, interregional and multilateral levels. **Activities:** The project involves three specific activities: 1) a publication on *The History of Latin American Economic Integration: The*

LAFTA/LAIA Process 1950-1999 to be prepared with the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA); 2) a publication summarizing the academic contributions of Fernando Fajnzylber over his distinguished career at the Economic Commission for Latin America & the Caribbean (ECLAC) to be prepared in tandem with the ECLAC; 3) a tribute to and publication of the work of Germánico Salgado. Tribute and publication will be performed in tandem with the General Secretariat of the Andean Community, as part of INTAL's preparations for its 40th Anniversary in 2005.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 549/04): 'Training in Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Models for South American Countries'. **Objectives:** The project's main aim is to organize an intensive short course to provide basic and intermediate training in techniques of CGE trade policy modelling and its application for 24 officials involved in trade negotiations by Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. To this end, the Bank put out a call for proposals which were subsequently presented and analyzed. After the evaluation process, the proposal by Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) of Purdue University was selected in view of their experience in similar projects at the global level. **Activities:** The course was held in the INTAL Auditorium between May 8 and 14, 2004. The activities were divided into two parts: the first consisted of a preliminary training course on the World Wide Web, enabling participants to familiarize themselves with GTAP theory and software. The second part of the course, attended in person, lasted seven days, and consisted of a combination of reading texts, laboratory tasks and informal discussions introducing participants to basic aspects of the CGE model and database. The activities culminated in a practical exercise conducted by small groups of participants over the last day. Two instructors were assigned to each of the groups to act as facilitators. Participants left the course qualified to design, conduct and analyze their own equilibrium models simulations.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 547/03): 'Support for the Institutional Operations of the Initiative for Regional Infrastructure Integration of South America'. **Objectives:** The project aims to support the institutional operations of the Iniciativa para la Integración de la Infraestructura Regional Suramericana (IIRSA: Initiative for Regional Infrastructure Integration of South America) through logistical and administrative support for its management as per the Meeting of Heads of State and Government of South American Countries (Reunión de Jefes de Estado y Gobierno de América del Sur) in September 2000 in Brasilia. **Activities:** Activities in this project involved the institutional management of the Initiative at the logistical and administrative levels in relation to the hiring of services to the Secretariat's technical and administrative tasks. The project was funded jointly by the three institutions making up the Comité de Coordinación Técnica (CCT: Technical Coordination Committee), namely the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF: Andean Development Corporation) and Fondo Financiero para el Desarrollo de la Cuenca del Plata (FONPLATA: Financial Fund for the Development of the River Plate Basin).

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 543/02): 'Design of INTAL Structure & Procedures'. **Objectives:** The project aims to support compliance with the recommendations regarding INTAL's operational and administrative needs in accordance with the report by the Bank's Auditor General on Review of INTAL Operational and Administrative Activities. **Activities:** A computerized system was designed and implemented for the accounting and

budgetary administration of technical cooperation projects. A basic structure of formal organization was defined for INTAL to meet its operational and administrative needs, in compliance with the basic principles of administration and the Bank's goals. A manual of accounting, administrative and budgetary control procedures for INTAL was then introduced.

ATN/SF-8933-RE (Project CTR-101/04-REG): 'Training Program in Trade Negotiations in the WTO'. **Objectives:** The project aims to continue strengthening the negotiating and agreement implementation capability of Latin American and Caribbean governments in line with the rules and disciplines issued by the World Trade Organization for practical deployment in national, bilateral, subregional, hemispheric, interregional and multilateral environments. **Activities:** The agenda of activities envisaged for 2005-2007 includes workshop/courses on a variety of areas of trade negotiation and agreement implementation involving negotiators from right across Latin America and the Caribbean. Priority areas approached in the project include: Anti-dumping and Compensation Rights Calculation; Customs Valuation; Investments; Competition Defense; Intellectual Property; Negotiation Techniques & Mechanisms; Agriculture; Sanitary & Phytosanitary Measures; Dispute Resolution; Trade Policy Review; Trade Facilitation; Subsidies; Services; Trade & the Environment, and Government Procurement.

ATN/SF-8933-RE (Project CTR-102/04-REG): 'Training Program in Trade Negotiations'. **Objectives:** The project aims to contribute to the formation of capabilities relating to negotiations and agreements on integration and trade in civil society in Latin America and the Caribbean, and, at the level of the governments, to the critical analysis of key subjects impacting current subregional processes. Unlike the training program conducted with the WTO, the content of these activities for government and non-government representatives took a critical approach to the subjects deemed most important by the governments, with the contribution of instructors from the private or academic sphere, or from other regional and international bodies. This approach went beyond the fields of formal debate and contributed in a differentiated way to positioning design in fields considered strategic not only by the region's governments, but also by the representatives of civil society in general. **Activities:** Activities in this project included subregional workshop/courses on a variety of areas of trade and agreement implementation negotiation involving representatives of civil society and teams of negotiators from all parts of Latin America and the Caribbean. The priority areas were defined with the participating governments or interest groups on the basis of the balance sheet and relevance of the subjects for each subregional area. This embraced sectoral aspects and subjects belonging to the corresponding subregional process, as well as the interrelation and impact on the process of the other bilateral, hemispheric, interregional and multilateral scenarios.

ATN/SF-8933-RE (Project CTR-103/04-REG): 'INTAL/Andean Community Internships Program'. **Objectives:** The objective of this program is to promote knowledge of the principles and advances of Andean integration and internationalization of Andean economies, and to familiarize to professionals from the member countries with the Community's workings to facilitate the process in which the subregion is involved via a training mechanism. **Activities:** Internships for young professionals from member countries were continued at the headquarters of the Sede de la Secretaría General de la Comunidad Andina (General Secretariat of the Andean Community). These internships imparted a theoretical formation, including Andean integration strategies and other experiences, as well as the structure and features of the Andean Community

in order to produce direct knowledge about the way the Community works and its different fields. The internship ended with a specific work on one of the Community's areas, enabling the internee to extend and put into practice the knowledge acquired.

ATN/SF-8933-RE (Project CTR-104/04-REG): 'Analysis of the National Trade Policy-Making Process'. **Objectives:** The project aims to reach an understanding of the internal processes in international trade policy-making in the countries of the Western Hemisphere. More specifically, it attempts to determine whether the participation of non-government organizations (NGOs) and other representative groups from civil society in each country is possible, and what the most appropriate procedure is. **Activities:** Activities consist of drafting a series of technical reports – one per country–answering a variety of questions, such as whether there are established inquiry procedures on trade policy-related subjects in each country; whether these procedures are transparent and the information is available to the public and the press; what groups will be included in the inquiry process (companies, chambers of commerce, the agricultural sector, NGOs, universities, etc.); what the nature and structure of the inquiry plan will be like. Subsequently a series of memoranda will be drafted to answer these queries, and will be presented and discussed in workshops in each of the authors' countries of origin. The authors will then be invited to review their reports taking into account what has been analyzed and discussed in the workshops. Finally the material produced will be published. The project is executed in tandem with Inter-American Dialogue, the University of Toronto and the IDB's División de Integración, Comercio y Asuntos Hemisféricos (Integration, Trade & Hemispheric Issues Division).

ATN/SF-8933-RE (Project CTR-201/04-REG): 'Backing for Research Networks in Support of Policy Reforms'. **Objectives:** The project aims to support the strengthening of research capability in subjects relating to the field of integration in Latin America and the Caribbean. **Activities:** Academic research is undertaken along four lines of action: a call for papers by the Red INTAL de Centros de Investigación en Integración (RedINT: Network of Research Centers on Integration); the activities of the Euro-Latin Study American Network on Integration & Trade (ELSNIT), the Latin America/Caribbean & Asia/Pacific Economics & Business Association (LAEBA), and the INTAL Award's academic competition. For RedINT, the call is directed at research institutions or individual researchers from the Latin American Countries and the Caribbean; for Centers, individually or through consortia, as applicable. The possibility of forming consortia is designed to facilitate the complementation of experiences in the subject under study, as well as for the specific lessons arising from the analysis in the respective countries of each subregion. With regard to ELSNIT and LAEBA, support for these initiatives will be defined specifically once the respective work programs for the period 2005-2006 have been designed and implemented. It should be stressed that this project will support the hiring of research selected on the basis of the development of both undertakings. The definition of these aspects will be made jointly with the IDB's Integration, Trade & Hemispheric Issues Division, and in the case of ELSNIT, its Special Office in Europe. The call for papers for the INTAL Award will be held in 2005, and as in previous cases, the winner of the Award will receive a sum of money as recognition for his or her academic work, and a commemorative gift of the competition. Between three and five special mentions will also be made, whose winners will receive a statuette or commemorative medallion.

ATN/SF-8933-RE (Project CTR-301/04-REG): ‘Workshops, Forums & Special Events’.

Objectives: The project aims to support the analysis and dissemination of subjects relating to integration and trade in Latin America and the Caribbean in order to generate policy recommendations in the public and private sectors, while promoting knowledge and awareness about the subject in the area of civil society. **Activities:** Activities envisaged for development of the project include any work necessary for the organization of workshops, forums and special events, such as hiring experts for the preparation of studies to serve as a basis for debate, as well as consultants responsible for follow-up and coordination of logistical and technical aspects, travel for participants selected, organization and logistical support (sound, translation, communications, etc.), preparation and issue of documents.

ATN/SF-8933-RE (Project CTR-302/04-REG): ‘INTAL Publications’.

Objectives: The project aims to promote, through a group of publications, the dissemination of specialist studies, articles, information and ideas relating to ongoing or planned integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean. **Activities:** The INTAL publications to be supported via the project are divided along the following lines of action: (i) the *Integration & Trade* Journal, a semi-annual publication issued in Spanish and English; (ii) the INTAL Monthly Newsletter, a monthly publication to be published in Spanish, Portuguese and English; (iii) Dissemination and Working Papers, and the INTAL-ITD Series, represented by works specializing in the field of regional integration; (iv) Special Reports on the Development of the Regional Integrationist Process, consisting of works published sequentially as an updating instrument on the development of ongoing and planned integration schemes in Latin America and the Caribbean, and at the hemispheric level. Regarding the last mentioned group, attention should be drawn to the issue of MERCOSUR, Andean, Central American and Caribbean Reports, as well as Reports resulting from the call for papers by the Red INTAL de Centros de Investigación en Integración (RedINT: Network of Research Centers on Integration). Also, in terms of activities generated along INTAL’s remaining lines of action (forums, seminars, regional technical cooperation, etc.), special editions of publications were prepared. The project helped to cover the costs of compilation, preparation and content analysis, evaluation and selection of articles, design and publication, translation, printing, and distribution and commercialization of the publications outlined previously.

ATN/SF-8933-RE (Project CTR-303/04-REG): ‘Database & Documentation Services’.

Objectives: The project aims to promote the dissemination of specialist bibliographies, studies, regulatory or any other type of information relating to ongoing or planned integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean through the activities of INTAL’s Centro de Documentación y Biblioteca (CDI: Center for Documentation, Information Systems & Databases). Also, the historical and geographical coverage of DATAINTAL and other databases was further updated and broadened, as was the Institute’s web page. **Activities:** The CDI covers information dissemination and bibliography in the field of integration and trade through a strategy enabling it to form a cooperative regional information center. Through this project, the CDI has made available the resources necessary to continue developing the actions aimed at the executing the envisaged strategy. Among the most prominent tasks scheduled for the project’s execution period was the broadening of the INTAL’s Publications Catalog, and the broadening and improvement of systems design that will facilitate regional projection of the CDI’s activities, especially over the Internet. INTAL’s web site was also updated in the framework of this component. INTAL has

been playing a an ever more important role in the information field. Examples of this line of action are represented by the Base de Estadísticas de Comercio Exterior (DATAINTAL: Foreign Trade Statistics Database), the Base INTAL-MERCOSUR (BIM: INTAL-MERCOSUR Databse), and the legal integration treaties and instruments database. Despite the design, operation and maintenance of these and other new databases, implemented in some cases through other projects, the systems support update and adaptation of the CDI bibliographic database were supported by this project. Attention should be drawn to the update and maintenance of the Institute's web page in this field. The DATAINTAL system was pursued via new versions of the ones already available on the Internet and CD-ROM to facilitate access to the system by regional and extraregional economic agents. The update and maintenance of DATAINTAL may continue to involve the hiring of specialist consultants.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-101/03-REG): 'Academic Research in the Field of Integration'. **Objectives:** The project aims to support the strengthening of research capability in the field of integration. **Activities:** Academic research is undertaken along four lines of action: a call for papers of the Red INTAL de Centros de Investigación en Integración (RedINT: Network of Research Centers on Integration) directed at Latin American and Caribbean research Institutions, individually or through consortia as applicable; the activities of the Euro-Latin Study American Network on Integration & Trade (ELSNIT) launched in tandem with the Special Office in Europe and the División de Integración, Comercio y Asuntos Hemisféricos (Integration, Trade & Hemispheric Issues Division) of the Integration & Regional Programs Department. The initiative creates a forum on subjects of integration and trade in Europe relevant for Latin America and the Caribbean. Its main objectives are to generate research, studies and debate on these subjects, and thus increase interaction between researchers from both regions; the Latin America/Caribbean & Asia/Pacific Economics & Business Association (LAEBA), an initiative launched jointly by the IDB and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) devoted to strengthening ties between both regions through a series of activities, including research and exchange of experiences between both regions; and lastly, the INTAL Award's academic competition for professionals and/or academics from Bank member countries whose works contribute to the study of regional and hemispheric integration processes.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-102/03-REG): 'Support for the Trade Negotiations for Latin America and the Caribbean'. **Objectives:** The project aims to continue strengthening the negotiating capability of Latin American and Caribbean Governments regarding the rules and disciplines issued by the World Trade Organization for practical deployment in subregional, hemispheric and multilateral environments. **Activities:** The agenda of activities includes workshop/courses on a variety of priority areas for trade negotiations including antidumping and compensation rights, customs valuation, investments, competition defense, intellectual property, agriculture, dispute resolution, trade facilitation, and government procurement.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-103/03-REG): 'Andean Community/INTAL Internship Program'. **Objectives:** The objective of this Program is to promote knowledge of the principles and advances of Andean integration and the internationalization of Andean economies, and, via a training mechanism, to familiarize professionals of the member countries with the workings of the Community to facilitate the process in which the subregion is involved. **Activities:** To achieve this goal, internships for young professionals from the member countries continued to be

held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Andean Community. These internships imparted a theoretical formation, including Andean integration strategies and other experiences, as well as the structure and features of the Andean Community in order to produce direct knowledge about the way the Community works and its different fields. The internship ended with a specific work on one of the Community's areas, enabling the internee to extend and put into practice the knowledge acquired.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-202/03-REG): 'Policy Forums & Special Events'.

Objectives: The project aims to support the analysis and dissemination of subjects dealing with integration and trade in Latin America and the Caribbean in order to produce policy recommendations on them at the level of the public and private sectors, as well as furthering the increase of knowledge and awareness on this subject at the level of civil society. **Activities:** Activities envisaged include any work necessary for the organization of Policy Forums and Special Events. Included in this is the hiring of experts for the preparation of studies to serve as a basis for debate in the forums and events, travel for participants selected from the public and private sectors, organization and logistical support, preparation and issue of documents relating to the forums/events.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-203/03-REG): 'INTAL's Center for Documentation, Information Systems & Databases'.

Objectives: The project aims to promote the dissemination of specialist bibliography, studies, regulatory or other kind of information to do with ongoing or planned integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean through the activities of INTAL's Centro de Documentación y Biblioteca (CDI: Center for Documentation, Information Systems & Databases). Also, the historical and geographical coverage of DATAINTAL and other databases was further updated and broadened, as was the Institute's web page. **Activities:** Activities were developed through the Centro de Documentación y Biblioteca (CDI: Center for Documentation, Information Systems & Databases), and disseminated integration and trade-related information and bibliography through a strategy enabling it to form a cooperative regional information center. As mentioned above, other activities included updating the DATAINTAL database and web page.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-204/03-REG): 'INTAL Publications'.

Objectives: The objective of the project is to promote the dissemination of specialist studies, articles, information and ideas relating to ongoing or planned integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean through a group of publications. **Activities:** Activities developed through this project were undertaken along the following lines of action: (i) publication of the *Integration & Trade Journal*; (ii) publication of INTAL's Monthly Newsletter; (iii) publication of Dissemination and Working Papers, and the INTAL-ITD Series; (iv) publication of Special Reports on the Development of the Regional Integrationist Process, including the Andean, Caribbean, Central American and MERCOSUR Reports, and others resulting from the call for papers of the Red INTAL de Centros de Investigación en Integración (RedINT: Network of Research Centers on Integration). Also, special editions of publications were prepared in terms of activities generated through forums, seminars or regional technical cooperations.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 013/03-RG) (ATN/SF-8142-RG): 'Support for Program of Trade Policy Strengthening in the Andean Community'.

Objectives: The objective of

this regional technical cooperation is to promote the strengthening of the institutional capability of the governments of Andean Community countries in terms of the formulation of their foreign trade policy, especially in the framework of the multilateral agenda of trade negotiations in the World Trade Organization. **Activities:** Project-related activities consisted of the three training courses lasting approximately five days each on the subject of Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Competition, and Agriculture and Services. The courses targeted specialists in trade negotiations from Andean Community Countries selected by the respective Governments, with the participation of approximately three officials from each of the Andean countries.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 012/02-MER) (LOAN 1279/OC-AR): ‘Institutional Strengthening Program of the Ministry of Foreign Relations, International Trade & Worship’. **Objectives:** The objective of this project was to provide technical support for the MRECIC’s Institutional Strengthening Program for activities involving the hiring of consulting services and organization of training activities in accordance with the Loan Agreement signed by the Argentinian Government and the Inter-American Development Bank. **Activities:** INTAL played the role of technical assistant in the Program in relation to the development of the works listed below in support of the administration of the Program Execution Unit (PEU) based at the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (MRECIC: Ministry of Foreign Relations, International Trade & Worship) of the Republic of Argentina. The components of the program in which INTAL took part are: (i) revision of the consultant shortlists and/or process to call for bids for professional services; (ii) presentation before the PEU of non-objection to the consultant shortlists for subsequent submission to the IDB; and (iii) supporting the PEU in organizing and carrying out training and dissemination activities. INTAL’s technical support was made in tandem with the Bank’s Representation in Argentina.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 010/01-RG) (ATN/SF-7775-RG): ‘Support Project for the Plan of Action for Regional Infrastructure Integration in South America’. **Objectives:** The objective of this technical cooperation is to support the establishment of a process enabling the governments of South American countries to make coordinated decisions in order to: (i) make progress in the development of regional physical infrastructure in the areas of transport, communications and energy; and (ii) to improve and harmonize their regulatory frameworks. The projects emerging from this process must have the active participation of the private sector in their financing, while also protecting the environment and fostering integral social development. **Activities:** The project included four groups of activities: (1) Support for the Executive Technical Groups (ETGs) through the hiring of specialist consultants consisting, highly qualified professionals in the areas of transport, communications and energy who coordinate and provide the Executive Technical Groups (GTEs) with technical support for sectoral integration foci and processes; (2) Logistical support for the IIRSA Secretariat and organization of meetings and seminars through the hiring of one professional and two assistants for the Secretariat’s administration, and the design and update of the Initiative’s page web; (3) Specific technical studies on regional infrastructure integration through the financing of: (a) consultancy for the preparation of diagnostic and methodological studies on financial, economic, environmental and risk aspects relating to possible infrastructure projects or regulatory framework harmonization identified by the Initiative and, (b) mechanisms for the dissemination of the results of the studies via publication or electronic distribution; (4) Evaluation of the institution’s contribution to the execution of the project’s activities by an independent consultant.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 008/01-MER) (LOAN 1206/OC-AR): ‘Institutional Strengthening Program for the Formulation of the Argentinian Republic’s Foreign Trade Policy’.

Objectives: The objective of this project was to offer technical and administrative support for activities involving the hiring of consulting services and organization of training activities in accordance with the Loan Agreement signed between the Government of the Argentinian Republic and the Inter-American Development Bank. **Activities:** INTAL played the role of technical and administrative adviser for the development of the Program in connection with the works on the components indicated below, in support of the management of the Executive Program Unit (EPU) based at the Argentinian Republic’s Ministry of Economy. The components of the program in which INTAL participated are as follows: (i) Institutional strengthening; and (ii) Interrelation of trade policy with the private sector and provincial entities of the public sector. INTAL’s technical and administrative support was provided in coordination with the Bank’s Representatives in Argentina.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 007/00-MER) (ATN/SF-7287-RG): ‘Unfair Trade Practices in MERCOSUR’. **Objectives:** The project’s objective was to contribute to the deepening of MERCOSUR’s integration process by improving the instruments of protection against unfair trade practices and ensuring their appropriate application. **Activities:** The project involved activities aimed at creating proposals for improvement in the field based on the rules of the Regulations for the Defense against Dumping Imports from countries not members of MERCOSUR, the development of the Common Regulation on Subsidies; and the transfer of experiences from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to MERCOSUR. Cooperation between NAFTA and MERCOSUR concentrated on strengthening the application of research techniques and subsidy calculation, selecting for this an entity/agency from a NAFTA country with vast experience in the subject. The project was concluded during the 2004.

All the above technical cooperation operations were jointly executed with the Bank’s División de Integración, Comercio y Asuntos Hemisféricos (Integration, Trade & Hemispheric Issues Division), as well as other of the institution’s units, as indicated for each case.

Policy Forums & Special Events

Policy Forums and Special Events are meetings to discuss and debate integration with the active participation and leading role of the private sector, including representatives of the business and labor sectors, and non-government organizations (NGOs), as well as public authorities, subregional integration bodies and experts on the subjects dealt with at each meeting. These events gave rise to a significant number of documents that were circulated in book form, on CD-ROM and in papers, and via the INTAL and other institutions’ web pages. A detailed listing of forums and events are presented in a summary chart later on in this report.

The Policy Forums carried out by INTAL dealt with the opportunities and challenges of trade negotiations for Latin America and the Caribbean. Multilateral meetings were held at the level of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and other meetings focused on the hemispheric scenario and the state of development of subregional integration. Special emphasis was placed on analyzing the processes participation and consultation with civil society at the national and

regional levels, an issue of particular importance as part of the need to legitimate the scope and content of the agreements under negotiation. More specifically, discussions were held about certain challenges in such areas as rules of origin, direct foreign investment and the fiscal impact of integration, and its influence on the design of tax reforms required to meet this challenge.

In addition, other areas relating to the promotion of cooperation activities between countries in the region were given special interest. First, analyses were made of possible cooperation actions in the framework of regional or subregional financial safety nets designed to mitigate the effects of external shocks on the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean. Second, analyses were made of the scope and content of possible regional or subregional cooperation actions regarding social policy and policy designed to mitigate current levels of poverty and inequality. Last, several meetings focused on the design of strategies of approach, research and information dissemination about interregional relations between Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia and Europe, particularly in the framework of Latin America/Caribbean & Asia/Pacific Economics & Business Association (LAEBA) and Euro-Latin Study American Network on Integration & Trade (ELSNIT). These events attracted large audiences and produced a variety of technical documents published and disseminated by the Institute through their web page.

In addition to policy forums and special events organized by INTAL, officials from the Institute took part in seminars and conferences on a variety of subjects relating to the Institute's field of action, as shown in the summary chart below.

Information Dissemination

The three lines of action carried out by INTAL in this area are: the services of INTAL's Centro de Documentación y Biblioteca (CDI: Center for Documentation, Information Systems & Databases), the preparation and update of databases and other information systems, and the Institute's publications.

Over the course of 2004, the CDI received a large number of inquiries, which break down as follows.

Global Inquiries

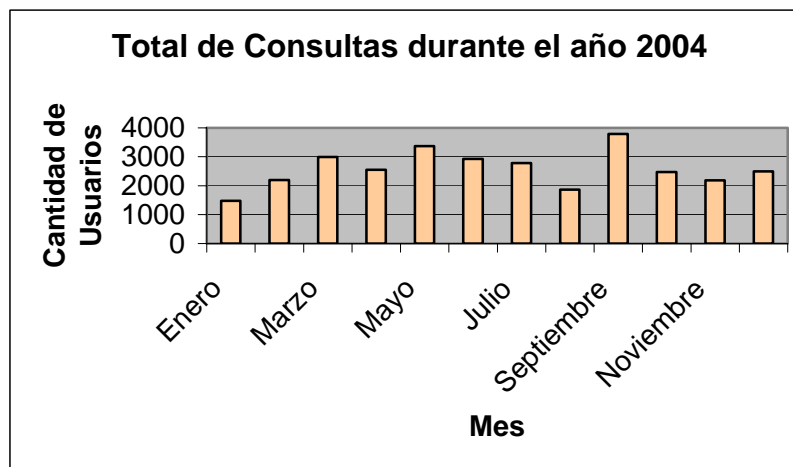
Overall, 31,061 inquiries were received corresponding to:

- Virtual Users (visitors to the CDI web page and the .pdf files produced by the Center)

- Remote Users (contacts assisted via e-mail and telephone)
- Reading Room Users

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2004	Totals
January	1,471
February	2,198
March	2,990
April	2,546
May	3,368
June	2,924
July	2,779
August	1,857
September	3,786
October	2,469
November	2,180
December	2,493
TOTAL	31,061



*[Total Inquiries 2004

No. of Users

January February March April May June July August September October November December
Month]

Inquiry of Virtual Users

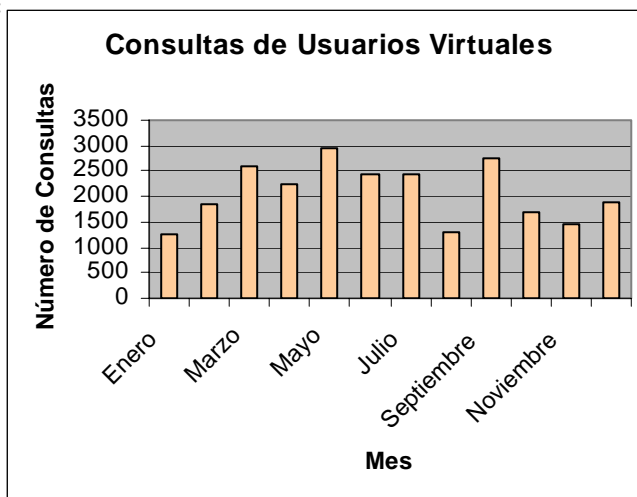
24,737 inquiries were made on the CDI web site and for files produced by the Center. This is 10% down on 2003. It should be stressed that, for several reasons, the statistical figures for virtual users are estimates:

- *The information used was not available in the following weeks:*
 - *January: from 18 to 24 (1 week)*
 - *July: from 18 to 24 (1 week)*
 - *August: from 8 to 21 (2 weeks)*
 - *October: from 26 to 1/11 (1 week)*
 - *November: from 7 to 13 (1 week)*
 - *December: from 20 to 2/1 (two weeks)*
- *Due to the method used for information on Web inquiries and access to .pdf files (where only the top positions are recorded), the number of visits made to the positions lower down in the ranking is unknown. There are consequently no figures for certain months and the resulting figure may appear lower than previous years, even though this was not the case.*

The figures for these inquiries are listed below:

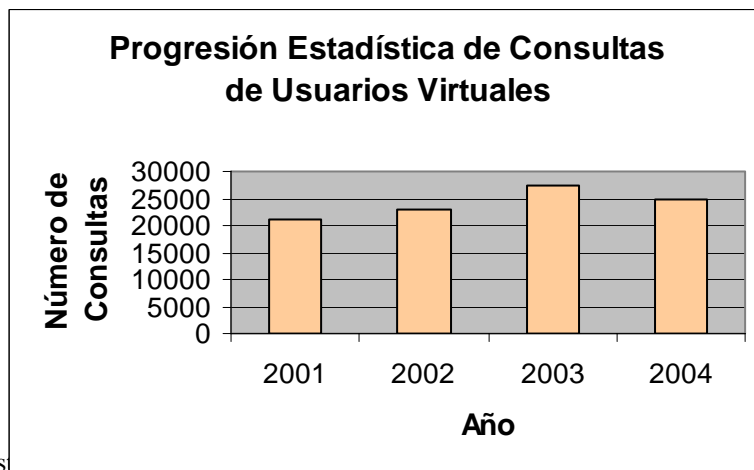
2004	Web Inquiries	.pdfs Visited	Totals
January	1,043	199	1,242
February	1,669	195	1,864
March	2,304	272	2,576
April	2,098	130	2,228
May	2,610	327	2,937
June	2,426	0	2,426
July	2,196	230	2,426
August	972	313	1,285
September	2,238	501	2,739
October	1,684	0	1,684
November	1,452	0	1,452
December	1,421	457	1,878
TOTAL	22,113	2,624	24,737

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Year	Total Inquiries
2001	21189
2002	23003
2003	27490
2004	24737



* [Virtual User Inquiries

No. of Users

January February March April May June July August
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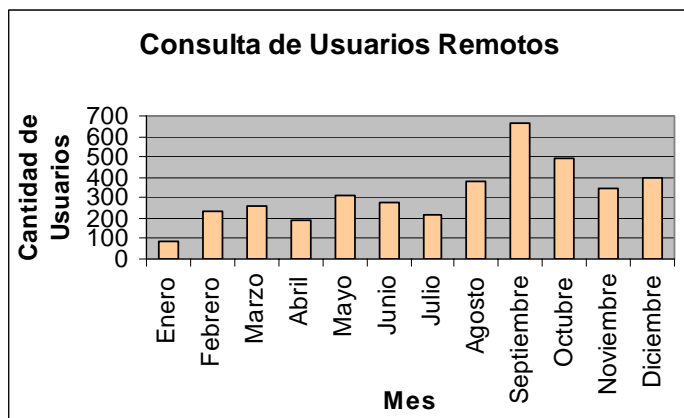
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Inquiry of Remote Users

The inquiries made by remote users (e-mail and telephone inquiries) were also counted accurately: 3,845 inquiries. These figures are up by 25.5% on 2003.

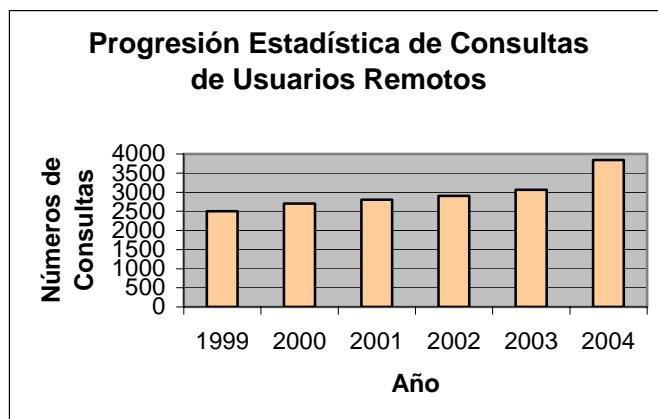
The figures for these inquiries are listed below:

2004	Users by e-Mail	Users by Telephone	Totals
<i>January</i>	70	14	84
<i>February</i>	156	81	237
<i>March</i>	152	106	258
<i>April</i>	143	45	188
<i>May</i>	243	68	311
<i>June</i>	212	65	277
<i>July</i>	171	45	216
<i>August</i>	213	164	377
<i>September</i>	382	283	665
<i>October</i>	276	215	491
<i>November</i>	242	100	342
<i>December</i>	209	190	399
TOTAL	2,469	1,376	3,845



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Year	Total Inquiries
<i>1999</i>	2,500
<i>2000</i>	2,700
<i>2001</i>	2,800
<i>2002</i>	2,900
<i>2003</i>	3,064
<i>2004</i>	3,845



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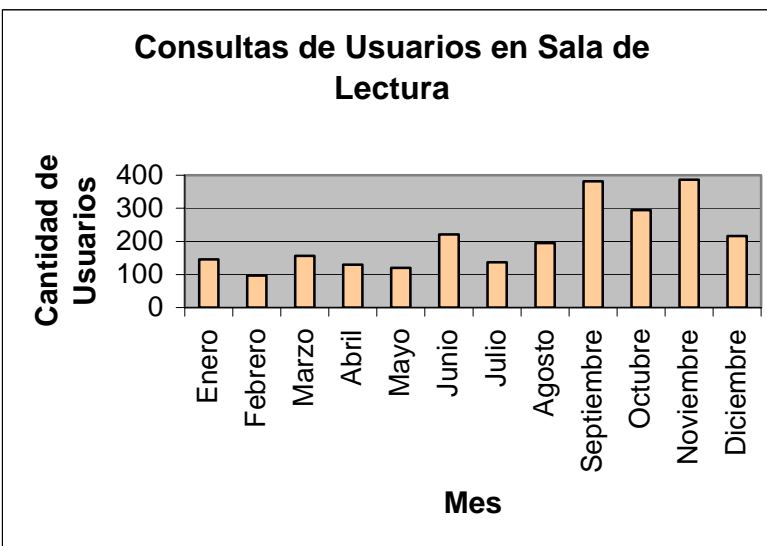
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Inquiry of Reading Room Users

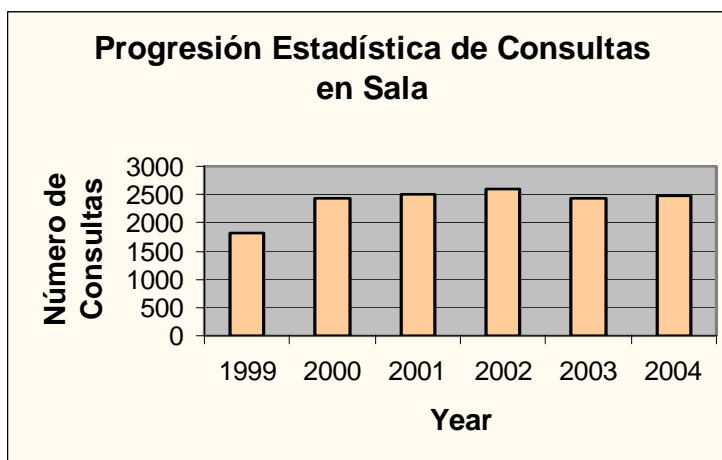
There were precisely 2,479 inquiries from users' visits to our reading room, 1.6% up on 2003.

2004	Users in Room
January	145
February	97
March	156
April	130
May	120
June	221
July	137
August	195
September	382
October	294
November	386
December	216
TOTAL	2,479



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Year	Total Inquiries
1999	1,822
2000	2,440
2001	2,500
2002	2,600
2003	2,440
2004	2,479



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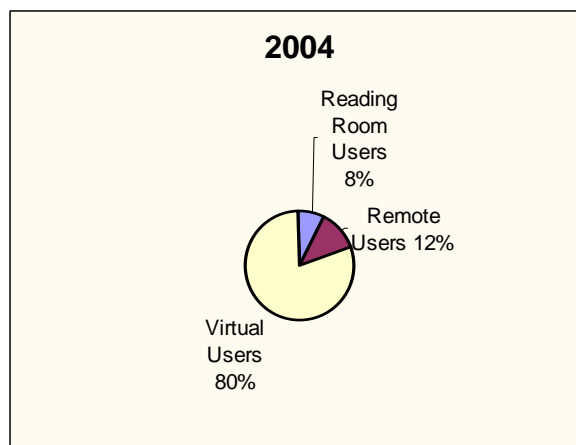
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From the figures obtained and expressed as percentages, a significant difference can be seen in virtual user inquiries when compared to reading room and remote users user inquiries. This was due to the fact that, in both web site inquiries and .pdf file access, users can access information an unlimited number of times, and are counted each time they do so. For other inquiries, only the

visit, e-mail or phone call is counted, one per user, despite the requested information requiring unlimited material for consultation. This explains the sizeable difference. In any case, whatever the route of the inquiry, our goal is for users to obtain the necessary information with an efficient response and for the inquiry's waiting time to be as short as possible.

Inquiries	%
Reading Room	8%
Remote Users	12%
Virtual Users	80%



Over the course of 2004, the CDI took special care to keep the bibliographic collection up-to-date. Apart from the historical heritage of integration in Latin America and the Caribbean, the aim was for the site to continue to be recognized for its specificity, and for those interested in the subject to go on choosing to consult it as they have done since its inauguration 40 years ago.

To this end, it makes increasing use of available technology. Besides the printed collection, this provides it with electronic documents following the development and dynamics of the different integration processes.

Continuing its assistance work, the CDI carried out information searches, compilation and retrieval of the material for the *Monthly Newsletters*, and also prepared the *Analytical/Thematic Indices* of newsletters Nos. 90 to 101 in both Spanish and English. These may be consulted at the following web site: <http://www.iadb.org/intal/publicaciones/icm.htm>

Positive feedback was received about the usefulness of the thematic index.

The *Recent Acquisitions* listings were also updated. Due to the large amount of incoming material, it was necessary in certain months to perform two updates per month. Registrations totaled 546, 60% of whom have a link to the full text: <http://www.iadb.org/intal/cdi/adquisiciones.html>

The listing of links to *Periodical Publications* was updated, incorporating new links and adding the changes arising from existing ones: 108 links in all. <http://www.iadb.org/intal/cdi/periodicas.pdf>

The *Bibliographic Listings* were updated with the material incorporated in the CDI on the following integration blocs: MERCOSUR, FTAA, NAFTA, ANDEAN COMMUNITY, CARIBBEAN REGION, and CENTRAL AMERICA.

It became obvious over the period that many users consult the listings on blocs and contact the CDI later (generally via e-mail). This means that each inquiry is personalized, targeting individual users' specific requirements.

In terms of technical processes, 1,700 entries were made in the INTEG database (books and documents, INTAL; periodical publications, KARDEX; Documents of International Organizations, DOCINT).

The database is online and is updated daily. Many users enter the database to make inquiries and establish personal contact with the CDI. This means the added value of personalized responses.
<http://www.iadb.org/intal/intalcdi/integ.htm>

The negative selection of material was performed, discarded publications being donated to the interested parties via listings containing the following quantities of material:

2004 DONATIONS		
Month	Periodicals	Books
<i>March</i>	347	24
<i>July</i>	91	66
<i>October</i>	69	30
Total	507	120

Steps were also taken to obtain publications through selection and purchase, exchange or donation. As every year, the *Publications Exchange Listing* was updated. *Interlibrary Loans* were also made at the request of various institutions.

Other Activities

On the subject of information dissemination, forms were sent out for the update of different repertoires and/or on-line databases of the following institutions and/or publishers:

- ✓ *The Gale Group – Directory of Publications and Broadcast Media*
- ✓ *The Gale Group – Directory of Special Libraries and Information Centers 30th Edition*
- ✓ *The Gale Group – International Research Centers Directory 18th Edition*
- ✓ *Europe Publications – The World of Learning 2005*
- ✓ *Europe Publications – South America, Central America and the Caribbean 2005*
- ✓ *NIRA – NIRA's World Directory of Think Tanks 2005*
- ✓ *UIA – Yearbook of International Organizations*

- ✓ *Construction Data Velarg AG – FAIR Guide*
- ✓ *Consejo Profesional de Ciencias Económicas de Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires Professional Council of Economic Sciences)– UNIRED ‘El Millón Dorado’*
- ✓ *Ministerio de Economía de la República Argentina (Ministry of Economy of the Argentinian Republic) – UNIRED ‘Proyecto Padrinazgo de Publicaciones Periódicas’*

The Coordinator of the CDI took part in the IFLA International Libraries Meeting, held for the first time in Latin America in August. The World Library & Information Congress was sponsored by the International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions (IFLA), and took place in Buenos Aires with almost 3,000 participants, mostly specialists from overseas. A large number of very interesting reports were presented, and the event was extremely useful in disseminating the activities undertaken and the information services provided by INTAL.

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla70/prog04.htm>

Throughout the year, weekly issues of the *Informative Bulletin* were prepared with press cuttings on Integration and Trade taken from Argentinian, Brazilian and Chilean newspapers, in both printed and electronic format.

The CDI supervised the scanning of the journal, *Latin American Integration*, which will be pasted on INTAL’s web site in .pdf format for free and open access by any interested parties. Individual and institutional authors’ indices were also compiled, as well as subject indices to make the search for information more flexible and easier to access.

In terms of information systems, the modernization and updating of the Base de Estadísticas de Comercio Exterior (DATAINTAL: Foreign Trade Statistics Database) stands out. The system’s new version 4.1 on CD-ROM provides a modernization of DATAINTAL inquiry options and technical and content features. The system contains export and import statistics for American countries by country of origin and destination in volume and value according to the tariff nomenclature used by each country. In addition, a new version of DATAINTAL is available on the Institute’s web page, providing a significant advance in terms of technology and content compared to earlier versions.

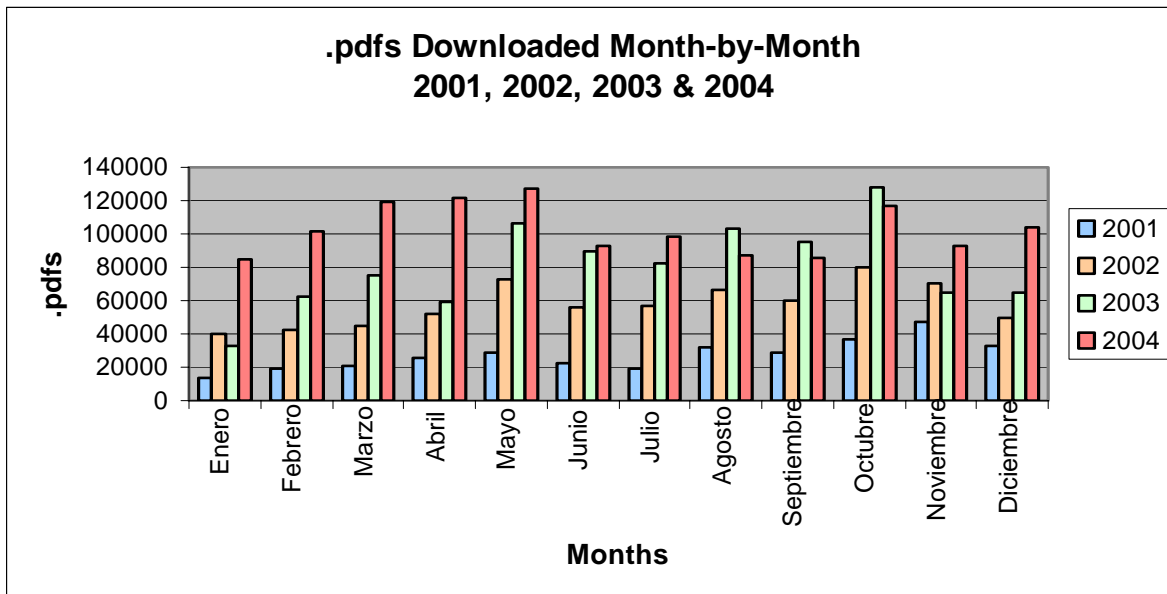
The online Base INTAL-MERCOSUR (BIM: INTAL-MERCOSUR Databse) was continually updated, including the basic legal instruments of the integration process, as well as the resolutions, decisions and directives of the respective executive and technicals bodies.

Mention must also be made of the database of Instrumentos Jurídicos de Integración Económica en América Latina y el Caribe (Legal Instruments of Economic Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean), containing a compendium of relevant legal instruments for the integrationist process, and registering a growing number of online inquiries. This is due to its update dynamics, reflecting the constant evolution in the region in this field.

Regarding publications, apart from the continuity of INTAL’s usual series, there was intense research activity, reflected in the Series INTAL/ITD, at the level of both working and dissemination papers. A new series of technical publications was also created, relating to works produced as part of the Special Initiative for Trade & Integration, coordinated by the IDB’s

Integration & Regional Programs Department. In addition, the update of the Catálogo INTAL 2000-2004 (2000-2004 INTAL Catalog) was continued for all the Institute's publications, databases and information systems to December 2004.

In conclusion, in addition to these publications, the distribution of titles published by the Institute in previous periods was continued, as were the reports or documents presented in its Forums & Special Events, in both printed and digital format on INTAL's web page. Below is a graph showing the significant growth in this area since 2001 as compared with previous years.



TECHNICAL COOPERATIONS

- “Backing for Research Networks in Support of Policy Reforms”
- “Analysis of the Trade Policy-Making Process”
- “Trade Negotiations Training Program”
- “Training Program on Trade Negotiations at the WTO”
- “Support for Trade Negotiations for Latin America & the Caribbean”
- “Support for the Institutional Operation of the Initiative for the Integration of the Regional Infrastructure in South America”
- “Analysis of the National Trade Policy-Making Process in Central American Countries and the Dominican Republic”
- “Regional Public Goods & Regional Development Assistance”
- “Support for Preparation of the Human Resources Training Program for Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean”
- “Design of INTAL Structure and Procedures”
- “Academic Research in the Field of Integration”
- “Andean Community /INTAL Internship Program”
- “Policy Forums & Special Events”
- “INTAL Center for Documentation, Information Systems & Databases”
- “Publicaciones INTAL” (INTAL Publications)

ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL COOPERATIONS

- “Support for the Andean Community Trade Policy Strengthening Program”
- “Technical Advice for Institutional Strengthening of Argentina’s Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto (MRECIC: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade & Worship)”
- “Plan of Action for Regional Infrastructure Integration in South America”
- “Technical Advice for the Institutional Strengthening for Argentina’s Foreign Trade Policy-Making”
- “Support Program for the Trade Negotiations for Central American countries, the Caribbean, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay & Uruguay”

IDB/INTAL-WTO TRAINING PROGRAM

- **February 11 to 13:** “Course on the Toolkit for Negotiators from the Central American Countries, Mexico, Panama & the Dominican Republic,” Guatemala. Participating Countries: Central American Countries, Mexico, Panama & the Dominican Republic. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, SIECA, WTO.
- **February 23 to 27:** “Course on Dispute Settlement and Negotiations in Process in the WTO,” Lima, Peru. Participating Countries: Andean Community Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, CAN General Secretariat, WTO.
- **March 15 to 17:** “Regional Course on the Toolkit for Negotiators from Caribbean Countries,” Barbados. Participating Countries: Caribbean Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, SIECA, WTO.
- **March 22 to 26:** “Regional Course on Dispute Settlement for Caribbean Countries,” St. Lucía. Participating Countries: Caribbean Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, CARICOM, OECS, WTO.
- **May 12 to 14:** “Course on the Textile Trade for Central American Countries,” Guatemala. Participating Countries: Central American Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, SIECA, WTO.
- **May 25 to 27:** “Regional Course on Negotiations on Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) for Caribbean Countries,” Barbados. Participating Countries: Countries of the Caribbean. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.
- **June 02 to 04:** “Regional Course on Textile Trade for LAIA Member Countries,” Montevideo, Uruguay. Participating Countries: LAIA Member Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, LAIA, WTO.
- **June 23 to 25:** “Course for University & Academic Teachers from Latin America,” Quito, Ecuador. Participating Countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, Simón Bolívar Andean University (UASB), WTO.
- **July 20 to 22:** “Course on Technical Barriers to Trade for Latin American Countries,” Panama. Participating Countries: Latin American Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.
- **July 27 to 29:** “Course on Regional Trade Agreements for Latin American Countries,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participating Countries: Latin American Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.
- **September 21 & 22:** “Course on Agriculture for Latin American Countries,” Bogota, Colombia. Participating Countries: Latin American Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura (IICA: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture), WTO.
- **September 28 to 30:** “Regional Course on WTO Rules relating to Regional Trade Agreements for Caribbean Countries,” Georgetown, Guyana. Participating Countries: Caribbean Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, CARICOM, WTO.
- **October 13 to 15:** “Regional Course on Antidumping Research and Procedures, Compensation Measures, & Safeguards for Latin American Countries,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participating Countries: MERCOSUR Countries, Andean Community and the Dominican Republic. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.
- **October 18 to 20:** “Regional Course on Transparency in Government Procurement for Caribbean Countries,” Trinidad. Participating Countries: Caribbean Countries. Organizing

Institutions: IDB/INTAL, CRNM, WTO.

- **October 19 & 20:** “Short Course on Trade Policy for LAIA Member Countries,” Montevideo, Uruguay. Participating Countries: Member LAIA Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, LAIA, WTO, Spanish Government.
- **October 26 to 28:** “Regional Course on Transparency in Government Procurement for Latin American Countries,” Santo Domingo. Participating Countries: Latin American Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.
- **November 3 to 5:** “Regional Course on the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement for Caribbean Countries,” St. Lucia. Participating Countries: Countries of the Caribbean. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, CRNM, WTO.
- **November 08 to 10:** “Regional Course on the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement for Latin American Countries,” Santo Domingo. Participating Countries: Latin American Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.
- **November 16 to 18:** “Regional Course on Services Negotiations for Latin American Countries,” Lima, Peru. Participating Countries: Latin American Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, CAN, Spanish Government, WTO.
- **December 03 to 05:** “Course for University Teachers on WTO Subjects,” Mexico. Participating Countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay & Venezuela. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.
- **December 13 to 15:** “Regional Course on Competition Policy for Latin American Countries,” Brasilia, Brazil. Participating Countries: Latin American Countries. Organizing Institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

POLICY FORUMS

- **April 27 & 28:** “Forum on Academic Contributions of the First Meeting of the Euro/Latin American Integration & Trade Studies Network, and 2nd Essay Contest, INTAL Award,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized in tandem with the IDB Special Office in Europe and the IDB Integration & Regional Programs Department.
- **May 31:** “Seminar on Opportunities & Challenges of Latin America for an Approach to Asia,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized in tandem with the OKITA Foundation, the Gino Germani Research Institute, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Buenos Aires (UBA), and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.
- **June 10:** “Regional Seminar on Productive Integration: Argentina-Brazil,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized in tandem with the Centro de Estudios Bonaerense (CEB: Buenos Aires Study Center).
- **June 24:** “Forum on Macroeconomic Coordination in MERCOSUR: Regional Inflation Targeting,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized in tandem with the Capital Foundation.
- **August 30 & 31:** “Workshop on Federalism and International Relationships: Experiences in Latin America Compared,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized in tandem with the Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales (CARI: Argentinian Committee for International Relations).
- **October 29 & 30:** “Second Annual Conference of the Euro-Latin Study American Network on Integration & Trade (ELSNIT),” Florence, Italy. Organized in tandem with the IDB Special Office in Europe and the IDB Integration & Regional Programs Department.

- **December 14 & 15:** “Workshop: Establishing Inquiry Mechanisms with Civil Society on Integration and Trade Initiatives: The Experiences of the European Union & MERCOSUR” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized in tandem with the IDB Integration and Regional Programs Department, the IDB Special Office in Europe, and the European Commission.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **March 2 to 4:** “Union Representative Training Workshop: The Challenges & Opportunities of the Trade Negotiations for MERCOSUR,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized in tandem with the Coordinadora de Centrales Sindicales del Cono Sur (Coordinator of Southern Cone Union Headquarters).
- **April 15 to 17:** “First International MERCOSUR Congress,” La Plata, Argentina. Organized by the Colegio de Abogados de la Provincia de Buenos Aires (College of Lawyers of the Province of Buenos Aires).
- **April 19:** “Book Presentation: *Integrating the Americas – FTAA and Beyond*,” Washington, USA. Published by Harvard University Press and sponsored by the Institute for the Integration of Latin America & the Caribbean (INTAL:), the IDB Integration & Regional Programs Department (INT), the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS), and the Center for International Development (CID) of the University of Harvard.
- **May 8 to 14:** “Latin American Short Course in Global Trade Analysis,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by IDB/INTAL.
- **May 27 to 29:** “Annual Meeting of the APEC Study Center,” Santiago, Chile. Organized by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC).
- **June 1:** “MERCOSUR-Korea Forum,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Argentinian Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto (Ministry of Foreign Relations and Worship).
- **June 22:** “Regional Trade & Integration Network Policy Dialogue – Subregional Meeting for MERCOSUR: The Tax System for the Integration of MERCOSUR,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized in tandem with the IDB Integration & Regional Programs Department (INT) and the Argentinian Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto (Ministry of Foreign Relations and Worship).
- **October 18 to 20:** “Meeting on MERCOSUR’s Statistical System,” Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Organized by the Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia y Estadística (IBGE: Brazilian Institute of Geography & Statistics).
- **November 8 & 9:** “Preparatory Meeting of MERCOSUR Experts in Audiovisual Presentation & Childhood,” held in the framework of the Tercer Festival Internacional de Cine para la Infancia y la Juventud (Third International Film Festival for Childhood and Youth), Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Asociación Civil Nueva Mirada (Nueva Mirada Civil Association) and Argentina’s Instituto Nacional de Cine y Artes Audiovisuales (INCAA: National Institute for Film and Audiovisual Arts).
- **November 8 & 9:** “Forum: Central America & Other International Integration Experiences,” San Salvador, El Salvador. Organized by the General Secretariat of the Sistema de Integración Centroamericano (SICA: Central American Integration System).
- **November 29 & 30:** “MERCOSUR 2004 Regional Meeting: Growing Together,” Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Organized by the Red de Investigaciones Económicas del Mercosur (Red-Mercosur: MERCOSUR Economic Researchs Network) and sponsored by the MERCOSUR Secretariat.
- **December 1 to 3:** “10th Summit of Mercocities on The Distribution of Income in Latin America: Cities en Route for Equity,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Gobierno de la Ciudad

de Buenos Aires (Government of the City of Buenos Aires) in the framework of the Red Mercociudades (Mercocities Network).

- **December 1 to 3:** “Seminar on International Economy & Culture - The Third Face of Money,” Montevideo, Uruguay. Organized by the Área de Cultura del Convenio Andrés Bello (CAB: Area of Culture of the Andrés Bello Agreement) and the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA).
- **December 3 & 4:** “Seminar on China's Impact on the World Economy: Evidence from East Asia & Latin America and the Caribbean,” Beijing, China. Organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

- **January 22:** “Conference on The Climate for the Investments in Infrastructure in Latin America,” Madrid, Spain. Organized by the Ministerio de Economía de España (Spanish Ministry of Economy), the Instituto de Comercio Exterior de España (ICEX: the Institute of Foreign Trade of Spain) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
- **February 16:** “Seminar on Infrastructure Networks: Axes & Corridors for Development & Integration in Latin America,” Milan, Italy. Organized by the Ministero degli Affari Esteri (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the Camera di Commercio, Industria Artigianato e Agricoltura di Milano (The Milan Chamber of Commerce, Crafts Industry & Agriculture) and the Lombardy Region.
- **February 24:** “Meeting of Former Scholarship Holders from the IDB Scholarships Program – Japan,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
- **March 19:** “Seminar on Argentine-Brazilian Energy Integration,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Comisión Mixta Bilateral Permanente en Materia Energética Argentina-Brasil (Argentinian-Brazilian Mixed Permanent Bilateral Commission on Energy Matter).
- **March 26:** “Seminar on Policies to Further Structural Convergence in MERCOSUR,” Montevideo, Uruguay. Organized by the Presidencia de la Comisión de Representantes Permanentes del Mercosur (Presidency of the Commission of Permanent MERCOSUR Representatives) with the technical support of the IDB Integration & Regional Programs Department and the MERCOSUR Secretariat.
- **April 13:** “Seminar on Rules of Local and MERCOSUR-Derived Law: Their Incorporation into the Legal Codes of Member States”. Organized by the Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales (CARI: Argentine Council for International Relations) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation.
- **April 15 & 16:** “Latin American Meeting on Infrastructure Financing,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the World Bank, the Asociación Latinoamericana de Instituciones Financieras para el Desarrollo (ALIDE: Latin American Association of Financial Institutions for Development) and the Banco de Inversión y Comercio Exterior (BICE: Investment and Foreign Trade Bank).
- **June 10:** “6th Latin American Meeting of Logistics,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Asociación Petroquímica (Petrochemical Association) and Química Latinoamericana (Latin American Chemicals).
- **June 10 & 11:** “Seminar on The Parliamentary Dimension in the Institutional Structure of MERCOSUR,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Presidencia Pro-Témpore de la Argentina de la Comisión Parlamentaria Conjunta del Mercosur (Pro-Tempore Presidency of Argentina of the Joint Parliamentary Commission of MERCOSUR).
- **June 11:** “5th Accreditable International Seminar 2004. Atlantic-Pacific Integration &

Cooperation: Statement on the Subject: The Current State of Integration in Latin America & the Caribbean,” Rosario, Argentina. Organized by the Cátedra Internacional Andrés Bello (Andrés Bello International Chair) Argentina, National University of Rosario.

- **June 22:** “IIRSA Workshop on ISPS Security Code Development of the IMO,” Montevideo, Uruguay. Organized by IIRSA’s Comité de Coordinación Técnica (CCT: Technical Coordination Committee) in tandem with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Interamerican Ports Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS).
- **August 23 to 27:** “World Library & Information Congress – 70th IFLA Conference. Subject: Libraries: Instruments for Education & Development,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).
- **September 1 & 2:** “First UB-CAMBRAS Congress of Foreign Trade: Argentina-Brazil Empowering Strengths,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the University of Belgrano, Argentina and the Argentinian-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce.
- **September 23:** “Discussion Workshop on Regional Policy in MERCOSUR,” Montevideo, Uruguay. Organized by the Inter-American Development Bank and the MERCOSUR Secretariat.
- **October 1:** “Conference on The Emergence of China: Opportunities & Challenges for Latin America and the Caribbean,” Washington, USA. Organized by the Inter-American Development Bank.
- **October 13 & 14:** “Tokyo Forum on the Operational Dimensions of Supplying Regional Public Goods through Regional Development Assistance,” Tokyo, Japan. Organized jointly by the Inter-American Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank, with the cooperation of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation Institute.
- **October 25 & 26:** “Seminar on Annual Report & Outlook of the 3rd Summit EU/LAC: Proposals for Action on the Guadalajara Consensus,” Santiago, Chile. Organized by the Centro Latinoamericano para las Relaciones con Europa (CELARE: Latin American Center for Relations with Europe), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Centro Latinoamericano de la Globalidad (CELAG: Latin American Center of Globality).
- **November 18:** “Workshop: The Influence of Research on Trade Policy-Making: Argentina, Brazil & Chile,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Programa de Estudios sobre Instituciones Económicas Internacionales (PIEI: Research Program on International Economic Institutions) of the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO: Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences).
- **November 18 to 21:** “7th Meeting of MERCOSUR Foundations. Towards An Equal Region,” Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Federación de Fundaciones Argentinas (FEDEFA: Federation of Argentinian Foundations).

PUBLICATIONS

REVISTA INTEGRACIÓN & COMERCIO (INTEGRATION & TRADE JOURNAL)

- Number 18, 19 & 20 in Spanish & English.

INTAL CARTA MENSUAL (INTAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER)

- Numbers 90 to 101 in Spanish, English & Portuguese.

SERIE INFORMES SUBREGIONAL DE INTEGRACIÓN (SUBREGIONAL INTEGRATION REPORTS SERIES)

- **MERCOSUR Report**, Number 9, in Spanish, English & Portuguese.
- **CENTRAL AMERICAN Report**, Number 2 in Spanish & English.

SERIES INTAL/ITD

Working papers

- Number 15: Rules of Origin in FTAs in Europe & in the Americas: Issues & Implications for the EU-Mercosur Inter-Regional Association Agreement
- Number 16: Los exportadores agropecuarios en un mundo proteccionista: revisión e implicancias de política de las barreras contra el Mercosur (Agricultural Exporters in a Protectionist World: Policy Review & Implications of Barriers against MERCOSUR)
- Number 17: La coordinación macroeconómica y la cooperación monetaria, sus costos, beneficios y aplicabilidad en acuerdos regionales de integración (Macroeconomic Coordination & Monetary Cooperation: Costs, Benefits & Applicability in Regional Integration Agreements)
- Number 18: Improving the Access of Mercosur's Agriculture Exports to United States: Lessons from NAFTA

Dissemination Papers

- Number 23: Trinidad & Tobago: Trade Performance & Policy Issues in an Era of Growing Liberalization
- Number 24: Brazil's Trade Liberalization & Growth: Has it Failed?
- Number 25: Centroamérica: La programación regional (2001) y las actividades del Banco (2001-2003) (Central America: Regional Programming (2001) and the Bank's Activities (2001-2003))
- Number 26: El tratamiento de las asimetrías en los acuerdos de integración regional (The Treatment of Asymmetries in Regional Integration Agreements)
- Number 27: Mirando al Mercosur y al mundo: estrategia de comercio e integración para Paraguay (Looking at MERCOSUR & the World: Trade Strategy & Integration for Paraguay)
- Number 28: Barbados: Trade & Integration as a Strategy for Growth

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